

Notice of Grant Opportunity: Achievement Coach Training Program



Opportunity for educators to receive \$6,000 stipends as peer leaders

Program Description

The goal of the Achievement Coaches program is to empower New Jersey's outstanding educators to provide direct support to their peers through high quality training and resources. The NJDOE seeks to establish up to three cohorts (each consisting of 4 teachers and 1 administrator) per selected school district. Achievement Coach cohorts will attend state-led sessions to receive materials and training on how to deliver those sessions to other educators.

Key Program Dates

Educators in the cohorts will participate in two (2) training sessions in the spring and a five (5)-day intensive Achievement Coach Institute in the summer. They will then lead peer coaching sessions in their own districts and in other school districts starting later in the summer. Such peer-to-peer training is expected to continue after the grant period expires, but will limit time out of classrooms for cohorts. The schedule for sessions includes:

- April 30, 2015: Initial training session
- June 8, 2015: Second training session
- July 6-10 2015: 5-day intensive Achievement Coach Institute
- Summer-October 2015: Local peer training sessions

Who Can Apply?

All traditional public school districts in New Jersey are eligible. A district can apply to send between 1 and 3 cohorts of educators depending on their size. If teachers or administrators within a district are interested in this program, they must contact their local Superintendent, Chief School Administrator or Grants Officer. Each school district can only submit one application and should not select their cohort until given notification from the NJDOE that they have been selected to proceed.

How Do District Leaders Proceed?

- Access NGO at: <http://www.nj.gov/education/AchieveNJ/>
- Identify a lead staff member or a team of staff members to complete grant application
- Attend the optional TA session on November 3, 2014
- Submit application by November 19, 2014 at 4pm
- Prepare to proceed with selection process of local cohort(s) if selected for participation in program
- Support local cohort(s) as they prepare for program

"We have so many outstanding educators in New Jersey - this is our chance to expand their impact beyond their schools and classrooms. We know many districts are looking for more guidance to support evaluation and professional learning, and we believe we should invest in our educators to lead this work."

- David Hespe, Acting Education Commissioner



Key Application Dates:

- NGO Released: 10/20/14
- Technical Assistance Session: 11/03/14
- Grant Application Due: 11/19/14
- Districts Notified of Selection: 12/15/14
- Grant Period: 2/1/15 - 8/31/15

Apply Now at: <http://www.nj.gov/education/AchieveNJ/>